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**Washington,** **Feb 24** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence joined House Republican leaders in calling for a spending freeze to stop the



Congressman Pence has been calling for the Congress to put its fiscal house in order out-of-control spending in Washington.

**"Our nation's hard-working families are hurting and need relief," stated Pence. "Out-of-control government spending is not the answer to helping Americans get back to work. Instead, the excessive borrowing only ensures future generations of Americans are burdened with unsustainable debt. It's time that Washington ends its spending spree and live within it's means like American families are forced to do.**

**"It was only a few weeks ago that Congress passed a massive so-called 'stimulus' plan that cost well over \$1 trillion. And now, Washington wants to continue its addictive tax and spend habits and consider a \$410 billion omnibus bill to dramatically increase discretionary spending levels for the rest of the Fiscal Year 2009. Our nation currently faces record deficit numbers and the Democrat leadership's only plan is to pass another bloated bill and dig us in a deeper hole of debt. This is no solution.**

**"House Republicans stand on behalf of the outraged American people who want fiscal accountability in Washington. We welcome President Obama's call for responsible spending and remain ready to work across party lines to fix our fiscal troubles. House Republicans find it imperative that Congress places a freeze on government spending to current funding levels. Hastily forcing through the House another massive, partisan spending bill is not the answer.**

**"Fixing our ailing economy will require both parties working together on behalf of the American people. Rest assured, House Republicans will continue to fight for fiscal discipline and are ready to work with the President to get the economy back on track."**